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The Honorable Edgardo Ramos United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

> Re: <u>United States</u> v. <u>Donald Blakstad</u>, No. 19 Cr. 486 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

On January 23, 2020, the Court granted the defendant's request to adjourn the next pretrial conference from January 24 until February 26, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Defense counsel sought the adjournment, with the consent of the Government, in order to accommodate lead defense counsel's schedule in a state court matter in California. In light of the adjournment, the Government and defense counsel move to exclude time pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), from January 24 through February 26, 2020. A proposed order is enclosed for the Court's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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